said decorative insert being fixed within said base member hollow interior with said decorative insert viewable through said top opening.

132. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 131, comprising:

a support member fixed to said base member within said hollow interior; and wherein

said decorative insert is captured within said base member between said base member top and said support member.

133. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 132, wherein said decorative insert is fixed to said support member within said base member by a process selected from the group consisting of applying an adhesive, soldering, welding including laser welding, molecular bonding, swaging, bending, and clamping.

134. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 132, wherein:

said decorative insert comprises a plate-like top and a rear projecting pin;

said support member has a hole therethrough for receiving said pin; and

said pin is fixed to said support member by a process selected from the group consisting of applying an adhesive, soldering, welding including laser welding, molecular bonding, swaging, bending, and clamping.

135. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 132, wherein:

said decorative insert comprises a plate-like top and a rear projecting pin;

said support member has a hole therethrough for receiving said pin; and

said pin is fixed within said hollow base member by a retainer affixed to said pin below said support member, whereby said pin is slidable, to a limited extent, and rotatable in said insert support member, for an enhanced visual effect.

136. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 133, wherein:

said support member comprises a plate-like member fixed within said base member below said top.

137. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 134, wherein:

said support member comprises a plate-like member fixed within said base member below said top, said plate-like support member having a hole therein through which said pin may pass.

138. (NEW) The decorative jewelry item as claimed in Claim 131, wherein:

said base member is segmented, and each said segment comprises a hollow interior, a top with an opening therein leading to said hollow interior, a bottom, and a sidewall extending from said top to said bottom; and

ones of said decorative insert, configured and sized in relation to each said segment top opening, are inserted, through said top openings, into said hollow interiors and positioned below said tops;

said decorative inserts being fixed within respective segment hollow interiors with said decorative inserts viewable through said top openings.

139. (NEW) A method for constructing a decorative jewelry item, comprising:

providing a base member having a hollow interior, a top with an opening therein leading to said hollow interior, a bottom, and a sidewall extending from said top to said bottom;

providing a decorative insert configured and sized in relation to said base member to be inserted through said top opening and into said hollow interior; and

placing said decorative insert into said hollow base member through said top opening and positioned below said top, whereby said decorative insert is viewable through said top opening.

140. (NEW) The method as claimed in Claim 139, wherein:

said jewelry item comprises a support member fixed to the interior of said base member; and

said step of placing includes inserting said decorative insert through said top opening between said base member top and said support member.

141. (NEW) The method as claimed in Claim 149, comprising, after said placing operation:

fixing said decorative insert to said support member within said base member.

142. (NEW) The method as claimed in Claim 141, wherein:

said provided decorative insert comprises a plate-like top and a rear projecting pin;

said support member is provided with a hole therethrough for receiving said pin; and

said fixing operation includes fixing said pin to said support member by a process selected from the group consisting of applying an adhesive, soldering, welding including laser welding, molecular bonding, swaging, bending, and clamping.

143. (NEW) The method as claimed in Claim 142, wherein:

said provided base member is segmented and has a multiple segmented hollow interior, a top with a multiple segmented opening therein leading to said hollow interior, a bottom, and a sidewall extending from said top to said bottom;

said provided decorative insert is configured and sized in relation to said multiple segmented top opening to be inserted, through said multiple segmented top opening, into said hollow interior and positioned below said top; and

said fixing operation comprises inserting said multiple segmented decorative insert within said hollow interior with each segment of said multiple segmented decorative insert viewable through said top opening.

144. (NEW) The method as claimed in Claim 143, wherein:

said multiple segmented decorative insert has a plurality of said rear projecting pins, one of said pins located adjacent opposite edges of said multiple segmented decorative insert, such that at least one segment of said multiple segmented decorative insert does not have a rear projecting pin;

said segmented base member has a plurality of insert support members fixed to said base member interior for receiving corresponding ones of said plurality of rear projecting pins; and